

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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WITHDRAWAL OF ARMY FROM SIACHEN

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Pakistan have reached an agreement for withdrawal of troops from their present positions in the Siachen Glacier;
- (b) if so, the details of the modalities worked out and signed;
- (c) whether there are certain areas on which differences still persist; and
- (d) if so, the efforts made or being made to iron out the differences or narrow them?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): Talks between India and Pakistan to discuss Siachen issue under the Composite Dialogue Framework were held in Islamabad in May, 2005. The two sides held frank and constructive discussions with a view to taking the process forward. They expressed satisfaction at the ceasefire in place since November, 2003 and agreed to its continuation. It was agreed by the two sides to continue discussions to resolve the Siachen issue in a peaceful manner.